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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST



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LATE ITEM

Turkey



President Gursel has accepted Inonu's resignation, brought on by continued dis-50X1 agreement in his coalition government over a gradual or blanket amnesty for imprisoned Menderes followers. Inonu and his cabinet are to remain until a new government is formed. This will probably be another Inonu government but without Justice Party participation. This party is split and many of its members may now throw their support to Inonu. The military, meanwhile, stand watchfully in the wings. They look askance at any form of amnesty, but have made no move yet.

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1. Laos

No major developments have been reported. The enemy remains outside Ban Houei Sai and apparently chooses to stay out.

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2. West New Guinea.

a. Sukarno appears determined to make a major military move before negotiations are reopened

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3. Hardening of Soviet
policy line

a. Orders to reverse the Soviet stand on the war propaganda declaration came suddenly from the Soviet party

b. An authoritative "observer" article in yesterday's Izvestiya is the most uncompromising public statement on Berlin to come out of Moscow in recent months. Its discussion of a German peace treaty and the consequences thereof imparts a sense of urgency, but without setting a deadline.

c. The Soviet air safety controller yesterday protested to his US and British counterparts against certain local and round-robin flights which he described as inconsistent with the purpose for which the corridors were created. 50X1

d. The sudden proliferation East German police at the Berlin sector border yesterday has just as suddenly subsided; it may have been a practice alert. In any case we do not credit reports that the East Germans have brought in additional police units. Tensions remain high, however, in the aftermath of last week end's uproar.

4. Meeting of Soviet
Bloc leaders

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A top drawer meeting of East European leaders may be going on in Moscow, [Redacted]

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[Redacted] We have not been able to confirm it yet, but those who would be involved have not been seen at home, and we note that Ulbricht's plane flew to Moscow last Friday.

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5. Peru

[Redacted]

The armed services have taken full control of the electoral machinery in order to prevent Haya de la Torre from being elected president on 10 June; they plan to throw the election to Belaunde. With growing confidence in the outcome, the military have apparently shelved plans to set up a junta, and are contenting themselves now with laying the groundwork for charges of electoral fraud against Haya's party.

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- [REDACTED]
- B. Brazilian Communists are [REDACTED] laying plans for demonstrations during President Kennedy's visit [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- C. The situation on the Hong Kong border is now completely quiet.
- D. Tshombé, more forthcoming these past few days, appears to have raised his political sights; UN chief Gardiner suspects he hopes to wrest political supremacy from Adoula by playing his cards right in the present meeting. [REDACTED]
- E. Our embassy in Brazil now expects an attempt to force the cabinet out this week by a no-confidence vote. Such a move would come from the right. [REDACTED]
- F. TASS has alerted its subscribers in the USSR to a 4,500-word "official announcement" which it will put on the wire today. The subject was not given, but could be the bloc leaders' meeting. [REDACTED]

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